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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER,

ROAD AGENT,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY,

AND

TOWN CLERK,

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST,

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Report of Town Treasurer.

Dr. Cash received.

To balance in Treasury, March, 1, 1886,	$2,015 74	
Taxes assessed,	8,514 98	
From State—Insurance Tax,	22 50	
" " Railroad Tax,	386 68	
" " Savings Bank Tax,	2,581 07	
Literary Fund,	144 00	
Interest on Lawrence Fund,	56 00	
Rent on Town Hall,	169 50	
Overseer of the Poor,	123 73	
Lots sold in Cemetery,	9 00	
W. D. Forsaith, rent on road machine building,	8 00	
Town of New Boston, school house tax,	4 25	
" " Mont Vernon " " "	2 67	
Collector for 1885,	100 00	
Interest on Taxes,	14 09	
J. H. Coggin from county,	240 24	
Town of Merrimack, belonging to old school district No. 11 in Amherst,	63 78	
		$14,456 23

Cr. By cash paid out.

State Tax,	$1,828 00	
County Tax,	1,330 78	
Town Officers,	827 25	
Miscellaneous,	1,531 37	
Roads and Bridges,	2,028 98	
Snow Bills,	299 00	
Schools,	3,300 00	
Fire Department,	123 50	
Aid to Poor—Town,	362 97	
" " " County,	108 00	
Suits against the Town,	1,138 59	
Soldier's Aid,	270 00	
In hands of Collector, 1886,	200 00	
In hands of Treasurer, 1886,	1,107 79	
		$14,456 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. A. Holbrook, selectman,	$145 00
C. S. Parker, "	105 78
Lemuel Fuller, "	77 00
A. A. Rotch, Treasurer,	50 00
A. A. Rotch, Town Clerk,	58 00
J. H. Coggin, Overseer of Poor,	59 22
W. B. Rotch, Collecter,	100 00
C. L. Trow, Board of Education,	52 75
H. D. Hicks, " " "	60 00
Sophia E. Dodge, " " "	50 00
J. R. Stearns, clerk school district 4 years,	16 50

G. E. Holbrook, Moderator, March, 1886,	$3 00	
J. F. Osgood, Jr., supervisor check list 2 years,	15 00	
G. F. Lynch, " " " " "	15 00	
A. B. Bennett, constable,	2 00	
H. M. Parker, policeman,	10 00	
Geo. F. Hanson, "	8 00	
	———	$827 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Enginemen,	$105 00	
J. F. Osgood, Jr., fireward and care of reservoir,	6 00	
R. A. Peacock, " " " " reservoir,	6 50	
A. F. Sawyer, "	5 00	
Estate, J. B. Fay, work at engine house,	1 00	
	———	$123 50

AID TO TOWN POOR.

Albert Rhoads, board at county farm,	$79 50	
Mrs. Sheean,	25 00	
Board of W. B. Sargent, (re-embursed from his estate.)	86 07	
L. H. Hill, board and care of Austin Merrill,	24 85	

H. D. Hicks, on account of Austin Merrill at hospital,	$27 00	
B. F. Butterfield, board of Geo. Merrill,	5 00	
H. D. Hicks, services and expenses Austin Merrill,	59 20	
I. J. Russ, litter for Austin Merrill,	1 85	
W. R. Clark, moving Austin Merrill, and cash paid,	4 00	
W. D. Clark, expenses conveying Austin Merrill to Boston,	12 00	
F. K. Boutell, coffin for C. E. Merrill,	5 50	
J. B. Pettingill, medical service Merrill child,	33 00	
		$362 97

AID TO COUNTY POOR.

Edmund W. Reed, case of Susan Lakeman,	$20 00	
Dr. F. Chandler, attendance Henry Bullard,	39 25	
J. F. Osgood, Jr., conveying C. Lakin to county farm,	4 00	
J. H. Coggin, aid to Mrs. Hassell,	4 75	
J. H. Coggin, board of Mrs. McClure,	6 75	
J. H. Coggin, aid to Otis Bills,	15 25	
J. H. Coggin, aid to county pauper,	18 00	
		$108 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

D. W. Trow, road agent,	$2,000 00

Frank Hartshorn, plank for bridge (old bill.)	$15 12	
Solomon Prince, railing side highway,	5 00	
H. S. Gilson, plank for bridge (old bill,)	8 86	
		$2,028 98

SCHOOLS.

H. D. Hicks, for school purposes,	$2,800 00	
H. D. Hicks, " " houses,	300 00	
H. D. Hicks, literary fund,	144 00	
H. D. Hicks, interest on Lawrence fund,	56 00	
		$3,300 00

SUITS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Viola R. Dodge, injuries on highway,	$800 00	
C. H. Burns, costs on the Shattuck, Fisher and Phillips suits,	189 25	
C. H. Burns, costs on the Dodge suits,	84 00	
F. A. Holbrook, paid witnesses, expenses at court,	26 44	
L. Fuller, time and expenses in above suits,	15 00	
C. S. Parker, " " " " " "	8 90	
F. A. Holbrook, time and expenses in above suits,	15 00	
		$1,138 59

SOLDIER'S AID.

Otis Bills, aided by county,	$150 00	
N. J. Wetherbee, aided by county,	104 00	
J. P. Webster,	16 00	
		$270 00

SNOW BILLS.

Geo. K. Walker, clearing in village,	$27 50
A. A. Bills, breaking roads,	2 80
J. G. Haseltine,	12 67
L. F. Bills,	6 30
Chester Shipley,	3 10
Albert N. Lowe,	90
George F. Lynch,	7 55
James U. Prince,	5 25
E. A. Caldwell,	11 72
C. S. White,	7 83
H. W. Secomb,	16 43
O. N. Willoby,	17 30
Benjamin Wheeler,	3 88
C. F. Wright,	15 75
E. C. Hubbard,	17 17
A. M. Philbrick,	5 25
J. M. Harvell,	25 10
C. S. Parker,	14 38
J. B. Upham,	5 98
D. A. Peabody,	6 90
J. E. Fowle,	4 89

J. F. Hanson,	$4 20	
Lemuel Fuller,	2 83	
A. B. Woodward,	3 90	
C. M. Barrett,	8 75	
H. S. Boutell,	5 94	
F. W. Chase,	3 32	
Alpheus Stevens,	7 87	
Frank Hartshorn,	8 66	
B. F. Whiting,	3 60	
A. E. Chickering,	11 70	
E. W. Jones,	10 66	
D. W. Trow,	5 92	
		$299 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

G. W. Osgood, observance of Memorial Day,	$75 00
C. F. Johnson, paint and painting engine house,	55 00
E. B. Waite, sheep killed by dogs,	100 00
J. H. Coggin, repair town farm buildings,	121 69
C. F. Johnson, paint and labor at town house,	30 00
J. F. Osgood, Jr., repair wagon, N. J. Wetherbee,	5 50
W. D. Forsaith, town house fixtures,	32 95
Abatements, 1885,	23 06
E. M. Burnham, copying,	10 00
Abatements, town property,	89 96
Rob't. Atkinson, cutting grass on common,	4 00
W. H. Hubbard, wood for town house,	4 00

C. F. Johnson, painting belfry,	$7 94
C. S. & H. M. Parker, wood for town house,	13 50
Geo. E. Clarke, surveying services,	2 50
D. W. Trow, wood for town house,	3 00
P. E. McKean, library appropriation,	200 00
Abatement, Joseph M. Currier,	30 00
C. F. Johnson, painting blinds on town house,	15 00
F. K. Boutell, services as undertaker,	54 50
E. A. Sawtelle, tuning piano at hall, old bill,	2 00
L. H. Hill, care town hall,	2 25
J. P. Trow, labor on highway, old bill,	1 20
J. F. Osgood, Jr., repairing hearse,	1 00
C. S. Parker, fixtures for town house,	1 00
Clark & Sloan, oil for fences,	98
H. M. Parker, cleaning town clock,	6 49
" " " sawing wood for town house,	7 50
" " " chimneys and oil for town house,	16 57
" " " care library room,	15 00
" " " care town clock,	15 00
" " " removing and replacing boxes of watering troughs.	2 00
" " " painting fence on common,	9 00
" " " fixtures for library room,	60
C. F. Baner, tuning piano at town house,	2 50
C. H. Mackay & Co., oil for town house,	33
Rob't. Atkinson, work on watering troughs,	2 60
L. Fuller, labor on road,	1 91
L. Fuller, for counsel,	9 00
Frank C. Taylor, work on town house,	3 05
H. M. Parker, care of town house,	110 25
B. F. Whiting, snow bill, old,	45
J. M. Harvell, snow bill, old,	6 20
J. G. Haseltine, snow bill, old,	3 90
P. N. Frost, repairing road machine,	1 00

L. Fuller, stationery, postage, etc,	$8 11	
F. A. Holbrook, for copying,	7 00	
Physician's return and record of births, marriages and deaths,	21 20	
A. A. Rotch, expenses to Concord, Nashua and Manchester,	10 00	
E. C. Eastman, invoice record books, etc.,	27 65	
Boylston & Rotch, printing, advertising, etc.,	71 00	
Abby B. Melendy and others, water bills,	67 50	
D. A. Peabody, labor on highway, old bill,	2 55	
Abatements 1886,	64 41	
Discount on taxes,	152 57	
		$1,531 37

THE TOWN'S STANDING.

In Treasurer's hands,	$1,107 79	
In Collector's hands, 1886,	200 00	
Due from County,	191 80	
		$1,499 59
In hands of road agent,		20 11
Actual surplus,		$1,519 70

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ROTCH, Treas.

AMHERST, Feb. 26, 1887.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY C. DODGE,
WILLIAM W. SLOAN, } Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Dr. To cash received from Town, $2,000 00

Cr.—By cash paid out as follows :

Joel F. Osgood, Jr., repairing road machine,	$4 81
John B. Varrick & Co., one set springs,	1 75
Albert M. Philbrick, labor,	9 24
O. M. Willoby, "	2 25
Lemuel Fuller, cutting bushes,	4 93
Albert N. Lowe, labor,	2 00
Frank W. Chase, "	1 50
Chas. C. Clark, "	4 00
Chester Shipley, "	3 00
Edward Clark, " and stone,	3 00
Lovejoy and Whitcher, for land,	30 00
" " for gravel,	3 00
A. A. Rotch, for deed,	75
Recording deed,	64
John Dodge, labor,	1 65
Eugene Davis, "	2 25
C. A. Pettingill, "	12 65
D. A. Peabody, "	141 81
J. F. Hanson, labor and plank for bridge,	27 73

B. F. Whiting, labor,	$1 10
R. T. Knight, labor and plank,	1 20
H. C. Dodge, spikes,	60
Joseph E. Fowle, cutting bushes,	13 70
A. H. Kimball, plate and irons for machine,	9 70
Frederick Ford, labor,	132 75
L. F. Bills, labor with team,	576 00
Henry J. West, labor,	134 50
A. A. Bills, for carting gravel,	206 00
Chas. S. Parker, labor,	24 83
E. C. Hubbard, cutting bushes,	3 15
J. H. Coggin, use of town cart,	2 00
A. E. Chickering, labor, posts and rails,	49 90
Geo. F. Lynch, cutting bushes,	15 95
A. B. Woodward, " "	3 90
Elmer Parkhurst, " "	14 25
" " labor,	25 54
J. M. Harvell, cutting bushes,	7 88
Parkhurst and Brown, cutting bushes,	30 00
C. M. Barrett, labor,	18 10
J. U. Prince, labor and gravel,	2 50
Newton Perham, bridge stone,	61 15
J. G. Haseltine, labor,	2 77
H. W. Keyes, labor,	1 00
E. A. Caldwell, labor,	72 00
C. E. Kendall & Co., 31 ft. 6 in. pipe,	4 00
C. H. McKay & Co., tool, powder and fuse,	9 57
Chas. Wright, labor,	5 50
Frank Hartshorn, bridge plank,	18 91
Gee. Danforth, gravel,	2 50
H. S. Boutell, cutting bushes,	4 50
E. W. Jones, " "	6 43
Alpheus Stevens, for railing bridge,	1 00
John Bullard, gravel,	60

D. W. Trow, superintendent of highways,	$259 50	
		$1,979 89
Balance in hands of Road Agent,	$20 11	

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. TROW, Road Agent.

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 26, 1887.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Road Agent, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,
HENRY C. DODGE, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1887.

EXPENDITURERS.

K. J. Wilson and wife, services,	$400 00
Fred Estey " " "	180 00
Etta Austin,	9 00
J. C. Boutell,	20 50
Patrick Folley,	3 00
Mary A. Green,	3 00
E. O. Willoby,	5 55
D. Whiting & Sons, grain,	390 52
H. C. Dodge, groceries,	3 41
C. R. Cotton, "	18 58
C. E. Kendall & Co., groceries and grain,	70 76
Lyford & Kendall, groceries,	83 87
Eager & Rand, flour,	6 75
Mrs. O. Connell, labor,	1 30
J. H. Upham, one bull,	28 00
Paid for cows,	209 00
" " butter,	32 03
J. Cochran, for white-washing in house,	25 33
J. P. Nourse, grain,	11 00

Geo. A. Avery & Co, tin ware,	$6	50
C. H. McKay & Co., groceries,	24	71
Geo. K. Walker, meat,	34	81
Geo. A. McIntire, harness work,		65
W. K. Putnam, " "	6	53
A. S. Austin, for meat,	1	65
N. W. Robinson, "	3	58
H. S. Gilson, sawing and fish,	3	17
O. N. Willoby, carrying milk,	61	38
Ed. Shannesy, wheelwright work,	3	65
J. H. Fisher & Co., pasturing cows,	36	13
D. S. Burnham, hardware,	27	41
J. M. Jackson, professional services and butchering,	4	11
Ira Chase, fish,	6	42
H. J. Wilson, potatoes,	2	25
D. T. Buttrick, lumber,	1	00
C. H. Spalding, blacksmith work,	18	90
E. C. Batchelder, dry goods,	2	25
H. H. Barber, " "	4	46
J. A. Ober, pants for W. Cram,	2	00
T. J. Barnes, repairs for mowing machine,	8	60
B. D. Marble, two pigs,	6	00
Peacock & Co., making cider,	1	52
W. T. Duncklee, for tripe,	2	00
J. Shannahan, repairs on shoes,		85
Foster Bros., meat,		68
Cavanaugh Bros., blanket,	2	25
J. A. Boutell, vinegar,		80
Miscellaneous bills, paid,	11	90
Cash paid into town treasury,	121	73
		$1910 49

RECEIPTS

AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1887.

Milk sold 6087 cans,	$1421 69	
Received for hay,	24 44	
N. & L. R. R., labor,	2 75	
Pork sold,	19 83	
Poultry and eggs sold,	12 43	
Beef,	142 81	
Calves,	31 11	
Walnuts,	17 75	
Beans,	19 18	
Cow hides,	8 75	
Vegetables,	4 25	
Use of bull,	15 00	
Use of manure speader and cart,	6 25	
Nails,	4 00	
Lodging,	75	
Received for board of Mary Farnum,	130 00	
" " " " Mrs. McClure,	49 50	
		$1910 49
Due for milk,	$131 56	

Number of poor at farm 2, and 1 boarder.

JOHN H. COGGIN,

Overseer of the Poor.

AMHERST, Feb. 26, 1887.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. SLOAN,
HENRY C. DODGE, } Auditors.

Inventory of Personal Property at

TOWN FARM.

25 tons English hay,	$450 00	
10 stock hay,	120 00	
Corn fodder,	12 00	
Grain,	24 98	
Bush. $3\frac{3}{4}$ beans.	6 78	
2 horses,	275 00	
23 cows,	976 00	
2 hogs,	12 00	
23 hens,	17 25	
Mowing machine,	45 00	
Manure spreader,	115 00	
Lumber wagon,	12 00	
Farm wagon,	45 00	
2 carts,	75 00	
Remainder of farming tools,	194 80	
Carriages, harnesses and robes,	74 16	
60 bushels potatoes,	30 00	
30 cords wood,	75 00	
Shingles and lumber,	16 00	
Household furniture, meat, provision and miscellaneous,	341 32	
Feb. 22d. 1887.		$2,917 29

Report of the Trustees of the Town Library.

The enlarged appropriation by the town at the last annual meeting, has enabled the Trustees to make important additions to the contents ot the Library and to furnish increased facilities for their circulation. Our shelves, which have been relatively deficient in books of reference,are now enriched by Haydyn's Dictionary of Dates, the Library of Universal Knowledge, an Encyclopedia in fifteen volumes and the lastest edition of the Land and Book, with its superior illustrations. The Century has also been added to the list of magazines.

Since the first of May 1886, the Library has been open twice a week; Saturday afternoon and Thursday evening. This arrangement has proved an accommodation especially to families remote from the village. The whole number of books issued by the Librarian during the year is 2929—the average per week 56, an increase on the circulation of the last year of 664. The number issued on Thursday evenings is 749—average eighteen per week. One hundred and twenty-two families have drawn books. No books have been lost.

A supplement to the catalogue of eight pages, giving titles and authors and embracing all additions to the Library since March 1885, has been prepared by Misses Stearns & McKean of this Board, which is now printed and ready for sale and distribution. The gathering and arrangement of the materials for this publication, involving much perplexing labor, has been a gratuitous service on the part of these ladies. The patrons of

the Library will notice that the supplement can easily be appended to the catalogue in their hands, furnishing a complete list of the whole collections. With these augmented facilities for obtaining books, the Trustees are confident that the growing interest of our citizens in the town Library will not abate and that our youth will realize more than ever the benefits, which the Library is intended to confer.

In this connection the rule requiring the use of *delivery cards* by all who draw books, should not be forgotten. The neglect of this rule begets confusion and subjects the Librarian to much unnecessary labor.

The whole number of books obtained for the Library since the last report is 148, of which 122 volumes were purchased at a cost of $139.97 and 26 have been presented by friends of the institution, viz

The Wind of Destiny. A. S. Hardy.

Eventful Nights in Bible History, Bp. Lee.

By Miss Anne M. Means, Boston, Mass.

A Series of Rollo Books, 14 volumes.

By Mr. B. L. Goodwin, Newton, Mass.

The Sailor Boy.
The Pirate of the Three Cutters. Capt. Marryatt.
Lights and Shadows of Scottish Life. Arthur Austin.
Hist'y of the 1st N. H. Reg't. in the
War of the Revolution. Fred. Kidder.

By Daniel F. Secomb, Esq.

Cowper's Poems, 3 vols. published at Amherst in 1808. J. Cushing.

The Arabian Nights Entertainments.

Index of Laws of New Hampshire, 1679–1883. Edw. Aiken.

Reports of Commissioner of Education. 2 vols.

Circulars of Information. Bureau of Education, 19 Pamphlets.

From the Library of the late Mrs. Elizabeth S. White

Mr. James R. Stearns and Miss P. E. McKean, by the limitations of the term of office retire from the Board of Trustees at this date. As the latter for reasons, which are imperative, will decline a re-appointment, her associates of the Board now put on record their recognition of the valuable services, which she has rendered to the Library in the last four years.

A statement of Receipts and Expenditures will be found in the subjoined abstract of her account, which has been duly audited.

Cr.	By balance in treasury,	$29 30	
	" cash from town,	200 00	
	" fines and loans of books,	1 14	
	" sale of catalogues,	2 70	
			$233 14
Dr.	To books purchased, bills on file,	$139 97	
	" Harper, Century and Granite Monthly Magazines,	8 70	
	" Rubber stamp and outfit,	2 00	
	" binding and repairing books,	21 00	
	" services of Librarian,	40 00	
	" printing supplement,	14 25	
	" " labels,	1 00	
	" postage and incidentals,	3 40	
	" balance on hand,	2 82	
			$233 14

March 1, 1887.

CLERK'S RECORD,

For the Year Ending Dec., 31, 1886.

BIRTHS.

Feb. 6, Charles Wilbur, a son to William and Sarah J. Schwartz.

Feb. 9, Ethel French, a daughter to John P. and Laura A. Hodgman.

April 7, a daughter to Walter M. and Rose M. Scott.

April 10, Albert Henry, a son to Edson E. and Fannie J. Davis.

April 18, Wynona L., a daughter to Arthur W. and Beatrice L. Parkhurst.

June 2, Sumner Wesley, a son to James M. and Melissa L. Jackson.

July 11, Helen Keith, a daughter to William E. and Emma F. Alexander.

Sept. 13, James P., a son to John S. and Alice J. Hall.

Oct. 8, Marion, a daughter to George B. and Annie E. Shattuck.

Oct. 9, Bertha May, a daughter to George E. and Cora B. Holbrook.

Oct. 21, Ethel May, a daughter to William P. and Edith E. McQuestion.

Oct. 30, George Atkinson, a son to George E. and Mary A. Parker.

Nov. 2, Catherine M., a daughter to Edwin O. and Louisa C. Willoby,

Dec. 23, George Herbert, a son to James B. and Ada E. Pettingill.

Dec. 24, Wilder, a son to Edwin M. and Lilla M. Ellis.

Total, 15.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 27, George E. Parker and Mary A. Atkinson, both of Amherst.

April 9, William Rhoads and Clara J. Eustis, both of Amherst.

May 12, William C. Gurdy of Mont Vernon and Flora L. Burnham, of Amherst.

May 31, Charles C. Colby and Belle H. Stevens, both of Amherst.

July 31, Leonard C. Holton and Abby F. Wilkins, both of Amherst.

Aug. 18, Thomas S. Merrow of Madison N. H., and Vienna C. Jackson, of Amherst.

Aug. 18, William W. Goodell of Deering, N. H., and Abbie A. Jackson, of Amherst.

Sept. 7, Henry C. Dodge and Abby F. Boylston, both of Amherst.

Sept. 30, Herbert H. Belden of Hatfield, Mass., and Laura E. Eaton, of Amherst.

Sept. 30, Henry M. Lovejoy of Amherst and Delia Murphy, of Boston, Mass.

Oct. 10, Albert E. Herrick of Amherst and Maria J. Lamson, of New Boston.

Nov. 18, William Berry of Amherst and Louise M. Abbott, of Wilton.

Dec. 15, Edward A. Noyes and Lucretia A. Prince both of Amherst.

Total, 13.

DEATHS.

Jan. 14, Sarah A. Walker, wife of George Walker, aged 73 years, 5 months.

Jan. 18, Mary Cram Pettingill, aged 82 years, 1 month, 24 days.

Feb. 11, Eli Sawtelle, aged 85 years, 4 months, 11 days.

Feb. 15, Mary J. Snow, wife of William Snow, aged 61 years, 8 months, 26 days.

Feb. 20, Rebecca Roby Fletcher, aged 79 years, 8 months, 17 days.

March 28, M. Louise Philbrick, wife of John C. Philbrick, aged 41 years, 2 months, 28 days.

March 30, Joseph Byron Fay, aged 57 years, 9 months.

April 11, Charles Edward Merrill, son of Charles Merrill, aged 3 years, 6 months, 13 days.

April 13, Susan Lakeman, aged 80 years, 2 months, 7 days.

May 12, Lucy W. Blunt, aged 65 years, 2 months, 15 days.

Aug. 3, Jennie C. Parker, daughter of Charles S. Parker, aged 10 months.

Sept. 19, Elizabeth S. White, aged 83 years, 6 months.

Sept. 27, Leander Lovejoy, aged 42 years, 9 months.

Oct. 28, Lorena Howland, aged 82 years, 7 months, 16 days.

Nov. 5, Lydia E. Peabody, aged 57 years, 1 month, 29 days.

Nov. 15, Frank P. Phelps, aged 49 years, 10 months, 27 days.

Dec. 6, Peter Woodbury Jones, aged 69 years, 8 months, 7 days.

Dec. 14, Francis W. Holbrook, aged 65 years, 11 months, 23 days.

Total, 18.

The following persons, who died outside the limits of the town were buried here during the year:

Aug. 1, at Hollis, Timothy Hodgman, aged 87 years, 11 months.

Oct. 30, at Merrimack, William E. Brown, aged 61 years, 9 months.

Nov. 6, at Milford, Herbert Howard, aged 71 years, 10 months.

Total, 3.

A. A. ROTCH, Town Clerk.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1887.

At a special meeting of the district on the 12th of March 1886, Mrs. Sophia E. Dodge was elected a member of the board for three years. In the evening of the same date the board was organized with Mr. C. L. Trow as president; Mrs. Sophia Dodge, secretary, and Dr. H. D. Hicks was appointed treasurer. Mr. Trow was appointed to provide fuel and supplies and the labor of visiting schools divided among the members of the Board.

We have been fortunate the past year in the selection of teachers, to whom in great part is due any improvement of the schools over previous years.

The employment of written examinations has resulted in obtaining a class of superior teachers, and it is the intention of the Board to gradually increase the difficulty, and enlarge the scope of the examination papers, and so raise the standard of qualifications required of instructors that only the best fitted to teach will be employed.

The high school shows advancement over preceding years, and commendation is due Mr. Mooar for his efforts in that place. The lower school also has been well taught and governed. Miss Quinlan deserves recognition for her efforts in No. 2. Miss Howe in No. 3, and Miss Hartshorn in No. 6. In No. 8, Miss Boutelle has labored hard and has wrought a distinct advancement in her scholars.

The reading in this school is much improved, and in the other studies the pupils show a better understanding of the matter and a more careful training in the reasoning powers.

Miss Holden in No. 9, Miss Holbrook of this and No. 7, Miss Keith of No. 7, and Miss Spaulding of No. 5, deserve great praise. In No. 10, Miss Trow is much liked and has shown herself a valuable acquisition to our educational force. Miss Proctor of No. 4 must not be forgotten in this roll of honor, and last but by no means least, the assistant in the High School, Miss Tuttle, the efficient coadjutor of the principal. We have however our shadowy side to hold up to view.

The discipline of the school should find its chief aid at the home. If a teacher is worthy, (and the board intend to engage no other,) her conduct of the school should be unquestioned by the parents, and her qualifications never discussed in the home circle. Children take their manners and tone from their parents, and if the latter uphold the former in their breaches of discipline, and question in the hearing of the pupil the ability of the teacher to instruct, the prosperity and good order of the school is at an end.

There is no pupil in our schools who may not learn from the teacher, if he tries to do his best, and obeys the rules of the school. There are no teachers employed in our schools who are unable to instruct in the branches taught. If the parents are doubtful as to a teacher's attainments there is nothing to be gained and every thing to be lost by allowing their children to form a like opinion. We are sorry to say that in some sections

such a spirit is in existence, and hope that this statement of the case will lead thinking parents to correct the evil by all means in their power.

REPAIRS.

In addition to the small repairs needed each year, the Board have continued the work commenced last year of painting and papering the interior of the school-houses. The room at No. 5 has been papered and the rooms at Nos. 6, 7 and 10 have been painted and papered so that they now have a much more cheerful and home like look. While both of the rooms at No. 1 have been so changed by the painter that they now present a neat and attractive appearance comparing favorably with those in adjoining villages.

Additional repairs would have been made in other districts could competent help have been secured at the time desired. We hope to be able the coming year to paint and paper the inside of the buildings at Nos. 8 and 9, thus completing the work commenced.

We would also like to supply two or three school houses with new and comfortable seats in place of the uncomfortable wooden benches now in use.

This, in connection with the other necessary repairs, would probably involve an expenditure of about $200 for repairs the coming year.

ATTENDANCE.

The selectmen in their census for 1886, found 184 children

between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 105 were boys and 79 girls.

The whole number found upon the school registers who attended school the past year, also the average daily attendance, is shown by the following figures:

The number over 15 years of age, 35; of this number, 20 attended school Dist. No. 1.

SCHOOLS.	WHOLE NO.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	AV. AT'ND'CE.	TERMS.	WEEKS.
No. 1, High	44	27	17	30	3	31
" 1, Pri'y	33	20	13	22	3	31
" 2,	28	14	14	19	3	31
" 3,	7	4	3	4	3	29
" 4,	8	5	3	6	3	29
" 5,	13	10	3	7	3	31
" 6,	13	7	6	11	3	31
" 7,	21	8	13	12	3	30
" 8,	12	7	5	8	3	30
" 9,	21	9	12	12	3	31
" 10,	17	8	9	10	3	31
11	217	119	98	143	33	335

We think it the duty of parents to encourage the habit of punctuality, and regular attendance in their children.

Sickness may prevent, as has been the case in several of the schools. Three of the children in district No. 5, were absent six weeks or more in the Winter term on that account. In district No. 8 the school was closed at the end of the eighth week of the Spring term, for the same reason. The attendance at the Winter term in the Primary school was also decreased on account of sickness.

Considering the severe Winter, and other unfavorable circumstances, the average attendance has been equal to that of last year. We trust the next year a larger number will be found on the Roll of Honor.

INSTRUCTION.

As a teacher becomes the better acquainted with the capabilities of the scholars under her charge, the more valuable are her services. Acting upon this belief, eight of our teachers have been retained in the same school throughout the year, and two more have been in our employ for the same length of time in different schools.

We are well aware that we have paid our teachers more than the average of surrounding towns, but it has been our endeavor to retain our best teachers, when once secured, even if a small advance in wages was necessary. And we think we can say truly that our teachers have labored faithfully and earnestly for the welfare of the scholars under their charge, and if their compensation has been a little greater, than is received by many in a like grade of schools, we feel that it has been money well spent. The government in most of our schools has been excellent throughout the year. The scholars have been so interested in the customary work of the school room, that the best of order has been maintained without their feeling any restraint put upon them.

Good progress has been made in the different studies pursued. In reading we have noticed a marked improvement in the position taken by the pupils in the class, and in a general understanding of the lesson read. The scholars have been required to look up the definitions of all words not understood, for as they become the better acquainted with the author's meaning, the easier it becomes to convey that meaning to others.

In arithmetic, an explanation has been asked for at every step believing that one subject should be thoroughly understood before another is taken up.

In the High School several of the scholars have pursued the higher branches, and the instruction in these has been very

satisfactory to your committee. In the other studies progress has been made.

We have encouraged the use of the blackboard and map whenever practicable, deeming them valuable aids in the schoolroom.

TEXT BOOKS.

The following is the list of Text Books, now in use in the schools, with the date of their adoption.

Reading,	Barnes Series,	1886.
"	Supplementary Readers owned by District,	1883.
Spelling,	Harrington's,	1884.
Grammar,	Swinton's,	1877.
Grammar,	Swinton's Language Lessons,	1877.
Arithmetic,	Franklin Series,	1881.
Algebra,	Robinson's,	1878.
Geometry,	Greenleaf's,	1881.
Book-Keeping,	Merservy's	1882.
Physiology,	Hutchinson's Laws of Health,	1884.
Natural Philosophy,	D. A. Wells',	1884.
Civil Government,	Nordhoff's Politics,	1881.
Latin Language,	Harkness Grammar,	1880.
Latin Language,	Harkness Reader,	1880.

It appears from the Treasurer's report that the whole amount expended for tuition, fuel, repairs, and other necessary expenditures, is $3,029.60, an average of $13.96 per. scholar.

The Treasurer's report follows with a statement in detail of all receipts and expenditures.

CLARENCE L. TROW,
H. D. HICKS, M. D.,
SOPHIA E. DODGE,
Board of Education.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of all scholars who have neither been absent or tardy for the year.

Dist. No. 1,	Selden Staples,
	Gracie M. Walker.
" " 4,	Levi J. Hartshorn.
" " 6,	Charles J. Upham.
	Mary B. Upham.
" " 10,	Florence B. Whiting.

Not absent or tardy for two terms.

Dist. No. 1,	Susie J. Chickering.
	Ada M. Rhoads.
Primary,	Wilder C. Read.
	Albert E. Hickey.
Dist. No. 2,	Fred Buckley.
" " 3,	Jessie M. Hodgman.
" " 6,	Marrion E. Fowle.
	Katie V. Jackson.
	Harry H. Lynch.
	Ernest H. Peaslee.

Dist. No. 7,	Burton F. Sargent.
" " 9,	Sadie A. Harvell.
	Tommie W. Harvell.
	Herbert M. Harvell.

Not absent or tardy for one term.

Dist. No. 1,	Lilla M. Clark.
	Lizzie D. Davis.
	Eva L. Bills.
	Lizzie Jacobs.
	Albert Vitty.
	Harry B. Burt.
	Phillip McGown.
	Chas. Hamilton.
Primary.	Annie H. Bills.
	Katie M. Bills.
	John L. Gilson.
	Frank E. White.
	Louis C. Webster.
	Eddie F. Bills.
	Georgie Hill.
Dist. No. 2,	Julia E. Brannan.
	Katie E. Mahar.
	Joseph D. Buckley.
	Robert H. Mahar.
" " 4,	Cora F. Wheeler.
" " 5,	Harry A. Philbrick.
" " 6,	Dana L. Fuller,
	Walter Fuller.

Dist. No. 6,	Albert H. Jackson.	
	Ethel O. Peaslee.	
" " 8.	Elsie R. Crooker.	
	Jennie L. Alexander.	
" " 9.	Anna M. Holbrook.	
" " 10,	Percy M. Odell.	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

SPRING TERM.

Walter L. Mooar,	$100 00	
Hattie S. Tuttle,	65 00	
Eldora L. Mooar,	90 00	
Maggie F. Quinlan,	80 00	
Mary E. Howe,	49 00	
Helen L. Proctor,	70 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	60 00	
Hattie Hartshron,	70 00	
Mary L. Keith,	70 00	
Mary F. Alexander,	50 00	
Nellie M. Holden,	65 00	
Emma F. Trow,	70 00	
	———	$839 00

FALL TERM.

Walter L. Mooar,	$100 00	
Hattie S. Tuttle,	70 00	
Eldora L. Mooar,	90 00	
Maggie F. Quinlan,	80 00	
Mary E. Howe,	77 00	
Helen L. Proctor,	58 50	
Nellie M. Holden,	65 00	
Hattie M. Hartshorn,	70 00	
Mary L. Keith,	75 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	62 50	
Cora Holbrook,	65 00	
Emma F. Trow,	70 00	
	———	$883 00

WINTER TERM.

Walter L. Mooar,	$100 10	
Hattie S. Tuttle,	77 00	
Eldora L. Mooar,	99 00	
Maggie Quinlan,	93 50	
Mary E. Howe,	80 50	
Helen L. Proctor,	65 00	
Claribel Spaulding,	71 50	
Hattie M. Hartshorn,	77 00	
Cora C. Holbrook,	70 00	
Annie Boutelle,	78 00	
Nellie M. Holden,	71 50	
Emma F. Trow,	77 00	
	———	$970 00

FUEL ACCOUNT.

E. A. Parkhurst,	$12 50
Fred H. Parker,	10 00
E. A. Caldwell,	21 00
W. C. Boutelle, sawing wood.	2 50
J. G. Haseltine,	11 50
C. H. Burnham,	11 13
" " " sawing wood,	2 19

Frank W. Sargent,	$9 00	
Jas. R. Stearns,	11 25	
Frank Taylor, coal,	33 64	
Herbert Crooker, kindling,	35	
Clinton Adams, cutting wood,	2 81	
C. J. Clark, sawing and putting in,	7 73	
Geo: Buckley, " " " "	2 89	
Cornelius Brennan, " "	1 21	
C. L. Trow,	36 20	
R. T. Knights, shavings,	40	
C. Cross, kindlings,	3 00	
Henry Keyes, putting in wood,	25	
S. Berry, kindling &c.,	2 00	
	———	$181 55

SUPPLIES.

P. Woodbury Dodge, dipper,	$ 10	
Jas. E. Webster, clocks,	13 50	
Mrs. S. E. Dodge, writing paper,	2 00	
Henry Boutelle, pointers,	1 00	
A. C. Stockin, desk, sets Geographies,	11 50	
W. D. Forsaith, crayons, &c.,	5 40	
Lyford & Kendall, pail,	45	
Emerson & Son, chair,	1 50	
Clark & Sloan, crayons, &c.,	3 90	
H. C. Dodge, books, brooms, &c.,	12 08	
	———	$51 43

REPAIRS.

S. H. Gilson, repairing bell rope and wheel,	$1 00	
A. R. Merrill, cleaning well and labor,	4 00	
Chas. F. Johnson, paint,	1 25	
" " " painting, kalsomining, and paper hanging, No. 1,	91 90	
" " " painting blackboards,	4 00	
" " " painting blinds and setting glass,	24 00	
Estate, J. B. Fay, pump,	6 50	
P. Woodbury Dodge, paper hanging, painting and labor,	28 52	

E. C. Batchelder, wall paper,	$3 30	
H. H. Barber, " "	12 44	
D. S. Burnham, hinges,	25	
Jas. R. Stearns, setting glass, stock, &c.,	3 18	
Frank Taylor, repairing pump, stoves, &c.,	9 40	
Jas. Cochrane, " blackboard and plastering,	2 50	
Elmer Parkhurst, " fence, glazing and stock,	11 63	
Joel Osgood, " bell,	75	
C. L. Trow, repairs and material,	3 35	
Henry M. Parker, labor, &c.,	11 50	
H. C. Dodge, paint, nails, &c.,	5 73	
R. T. Knight, lumber,	42	
		$225 62
Care of school houses,	$76 22	
Cleaning " "	24 50	
		$100 72

MISCELLANEOUS.

P. Woodbury Dodge, auditor,	$3 00	
C. L. Trow, Express &c.,	90	
Account of Districts, 11 and 12,	48 50	
		$52 40

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1886,	$220 70	
Town appropriation,	2800 00	
Received from town New Boston,	26 56	
" " " Mt. Vernon,	19 50	
Literary fund,	144 00	
Interest on Lawrence fund.	56 00	
		$3,266 76

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Teachers' salaries,	$2,692 00	
Fuel,	181 55	

Supplies,	$51 43	
Care and cleaning,	100 72	
Account, District 11 and 12,	48 50	
Miscellaneous,	3 90	
Balance,	188 66	
		$3,266 76

REPAIR FUND.

Town appropriation,	$300 00	
Repairs,		$225 62
Balance,		74 38
		$300 00

CASH BALANCE.

General balance,	$188 66	
Repair "	74 38	
		$263 04
Cost of schools for year,	$3,078 10	

H. D. HICKS, M. D., Treas.

AMHERST, Feb. 28, 1887.

I hereby certify that I have examined and audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

P. W. DODGE, Auditor.